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Title : CONTAINER TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM AND METHOD
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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office action mailed September 28, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claims 16, 22, 24 and 25 such they read as follows:

16. (Three Times Amended) A method of loading containers on a marine vessel comprising the steps of:

selecting a plurality of containers adapted to contain and protect freight in a marine environment, each container having a set of outer walls defining an inner volume;
loading freight into said inner volume;

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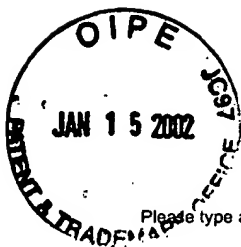
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